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If you open it, close it.
If you turn it on, turn it off.
If you unlock it, lock it up.
If you break it, admit it.
If you borrow it, return it.
If you value it, take care of it.
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If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.
If it's none of your business, don't ask questions.
If it ain't broke, don't fix it.
If it brightens someone's day, say it!

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Souvenir Section Inside!

This issue of *The Romulus News* has a special feature — an eight-page pull-out Souvenir Section. In it you will find lots of photos of the people and events in the Romulus Michigan Week Festival, 1988, celebration that took place May 17-22 in our city.

Did you attend the Festival? Look inside — you might find your own face looking back at you! □

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Library on Summer Hours

The Romulus Public Library has begun operating on its summer schedule. The new hours are Mondays and Tuesdays from 12 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays from 12 to 5 p.m. The Library is closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

For more information, please call the Library at 942-7589. □

Allan J. Richardson (of Prescott Road) — get your free all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner for one any Wednesday before June 10, 1988, at P.J.'s Lounge.

Jay R. Mansfield (of Wick) — pick up your free two-liter bottle of Pepsi before June 10, 1988, at the Polka-Dot Party Store.

Clean-Up / Fix-Up Day June 25th For Romulus

At a recent meeting of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), it was agreed to have a day designated as Downtown Romulus Clean-Up/Fix-Up Day. The idea is to get all of the businesses and residents in the Downtown Area to meet there and start a clean-up campaign — cutting weeds, picking up trash, painting some buildings, cleaning sidewalks, and doing whatever is necessary to clean up Downtown and make it look a lot better.

Tony Kopas, owner of the Romulus Hardware, has agreed to furnish whatever tools are needed that are not available so that the work can go smoothly.

Most of the business people in the Downtown Area are very good about cleaning up around their buildings and keeping them painted and in good repair, but there are a few who either cannot afford it or do not have the time or the

help to do it. Therefore, June 25 will be the day for everyone to chip in and help everyone else clean up.

Many residents, including senior citizens, bankers, city officials, scout troops, and specialty groups, are expected to attend and, naturally, the business owners themselves will be there, handling paintbrushes, shovels, rakes, and brooms.

An effort like this one was tried once before, several years ago, and the turnout was absolutely great. It gives the people in the community a chance to get together and exchange ideas, work together, and become friends when, otherwise, they might never have met at all.

A clean-up/fix-up day is good for any community, and is especially good for us since it may bring out people who were not really aware of the exis-

tence of our Downtown Area, and show them what it has to offer.

It was also brought up at the meeting that Downtown parking should be the first thing on everyone's mind so that more new business can be brought into Town, making everyone's life a little better and reviving what was once a thriving community.

Once the parking is developed, there is talk of the possibility of straightening Goddard Road from the Downtown Area out to Wayne Road for better access to the Airport and I-94. Along with the other ideas presented, it was felt that possibly a spur from I-94 East- and West-bound would spark new business if it was done at Hannan Road, where there was a spur at one time that is still partially there. There was also talk of getting in touch with the railroads and having them clean up their mess along Shook Road as far as the swampy areas are concerned, and then contacting the County or whoever owns the rest of the property there and getting it cleaned up, also.

It would seem that the DDA has finally realized what this city is in desperate need of, and is possibly going to try to get this town whipped into shape by doing some of the things it should have done years ago. At the DDA meeting, Mr. Kopas remarked, "I have been here 19 years and we have not moved forward in the areas that we should have, such as parking, keeping streets cleaner, and getting the businessmen to update and keep their places in better shape."

Try to save June 25 as a free day on your calendar and come Downtown to help clean up and fix up our city. We really do have a Downtown Area that we could be proud of. □

How Does Your Credit Grow?

by D. A. Atkins

Have you had your credit checked lately? You just might be in for some surprises.

Recently, I applied for a line of credit with a supplier and was turned down. I had no idea why I was turned down, since I haven't purchased anything on credit, on a personal level, in about 10 years.

I told the people to talk to the bank. They did, and I did, and I was turned down — and no one, up to that point, could tell me why. Finally, after two more agencies had tried to get credit for me and failed, I asked a friend to get a TRW Credit Data Report on me. His remark, when he called me back, was, "You finally beat me at something — your credit is worse than mine."

I asked him what he meant, and he proceeded to tell me about an incident that supposedly had happened some years ago — the repossession of something I had bought on credit from Sears. I told my friend that I had never had anything repossessed in my life, and that I hadn't even dealt with Sears for over 12 years.

Then he told me about a Government (Education) report that said I owed a ton of money. Baloney, I said — I don't owe them even a dime. That's when he told me about a third account, for \$67, that I supposedly had not paid; I had never even heard of them.

I proceeded to call Sears first, since it had been reporting this repossession against me for well over 10 years. The person that I talked to there assured me that the matter would be taken care of, and the company did, in fact, send me a letter of apology and told me that a copy had been sent to TRW Credit Data.

Now, that is supposedly all they have to do to please me; what about the embarrassment I went through trying to get credit I couldn't get because of mis-reporting?

Next came the Government. I called and explained the situation, and was told to have TRW call so that everything could be straightened out. I did not owe any money, and it shouldn't have been on TRW's records anyway, according to the Government spokesman.

Now I have to wait for TRW to send me the information about this third account that is supposedly delinquent, and then try to get that figured out, too.

You see, there can be a problem with mis-reporting by your creditors. TRW tells you that, by law, you have a right to dispute anything on your report, but it still remains there unless the creditor that made the report takes it off.

It is the same as being in court accused of a crime; you are supposed to be innocent until proven guilty. That is

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THE EDITOR'S OPINION



Do You Believe All You Hear?

by D. A. Atkins

Are you the type of person who always (or even usually) believes all that you hear? If you are, you may have a problem and not even realize it.

Are you the kind of person that believes something just because you see it in print in this paper (or in any other publication)? If you are, you should not be. You should be skeptical of everything; no matter who says what, or who prints what, you should do your best to confirm the information on your own. If you try to prove something right (which is really what we here at *The Romulus News* try to do), you may find yourself proving it wrong.

You see, there is a moral behind

what I am writing about. Many candidates have been elected to public office at one time or another by voters who accepted at face value all of the 'facts' presented by the candidates about themselves and their positions on controversial issues — and this is true not just in our local elections, but in national elections as well. It is important to keep in mind, however, that words can be chosen and manipulated in such a way that the message they convey is vague, misleading, or even deceiving.

For example, if I tell you that, if you elect me as President, I will not raise taxes under any circumstances while I am in office, you will probably vote for me. But what a statement like that does not tell you is what the consequences of that action might be. If I say, instead, that I will not raise taxes, but that, because of the programs and services that will have to be cut as a result of not raising them, many families (including, possibly, your own) may starve to death, then you probably will not vote for me. Half-truths told to people who do not listen closely or try to read between the lines are as dangerous as a loaded gun in the wrong hands.

We have an election coming up in about 17 months. People will be running for City Council; listen closely and check out what they say. Please *don't* cast your vote for a candidate just because that is the person your spouse or a friend is voting for, or just because that's the only name you recognize. There will also be people other than Beverly McAnally running for Mayor; check out their past records closely, read between the lines when you examine their information, and check out the people supporting them in their campaigns. You may change your mind about the way you will vote.

Check out the records of the incumbents — not just the few facts they choose to print in their campaign materials. Look into how they actually voted on the issues they faced on a day-to-day basis, and examine the consequences of the various actions they have taken. When you really *know* your candidates, *then* vote. This is a good policy to follow, whether you are voting in a local election or a national one. Almost every politician does at least some good while in office, but it is up to you to decide if enough was accomplished to deserve reelection.

There are also some proposed amendments to the Charter that will be decided upon by a public vote sometime around next summer. Most people who know anything about the present Charter agree that there are definitely some changes that need to be made. Before you vote, however, make sure that you understand what you are voting for. Form your own opinion; just because I might think some of the pro-

posed amendments are good ones does not make it necessarily so.

In my opinion, the term of office for Mayor and City Council should be extended from two years to four years. I also feel that the amount of money that the Mayor should be able to spend without Council approval should be raised from \$750 to \$2,500, and that the section dealing with the definition of and qualifications for the City's legal newspaper should be altered. Finally, in my opinion, and (more importantly) in the opinion of 1,400 other citizens, there needs to be another method of filling a vacant seat in City government.

As I have said, these are only my opinions, but, on the other hand, it was my opinion that a lot of the dangerous vacant homes in our neighborhoods be demolished, and that is being done now. It was also my opinion that the area at the railroad tracks and Wick Road should be cleaned up, and that also is being done now. These are a few of my opinions that have worked out well; some of the others have not, and may not in the future.

Once again, look into what is really going on, rather than assuming that you already know, before you make a decision of any sort. □

Bottle Drive a Success

The Romulus Junior High P.T.O. would like to thank all of the people who helped to make its Bottle Drive a success: the Romulus IGA, for taking back all of the cans and bottles that were collected; Jay's Potato Chips, Pepsi Cola, and Wonder Thrift Shop, for their donations; all of the parent and student volunteers; and all of the residents of Romulus who so generously donated their cans and bottles.

The P.T.O. hopes to make the Bottle Drive an annual event. □

Please Remember!
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Post Office Loses Mail?

by D. A. Atkins

It seems that there is still a problem with the mail delivery in the City of Romulus. A report received from the Treasurer's Office last week indicated that the Post Office has lost at least one bag of mail that contained, among other things, water billings and checks and money orders.

According to the Treasurer's Office, mail was sent to the City (around the time of March 30 through April 1, 1988) by many people from various mail outlets, including the Post Office, but the City never received it. City Treasurer Jim Napiorkowski said, "I have a feeling that, when an attempt was made to deliver the mail on Good Friday, April 1, they found we were closed and the mail was returned to the Post Office and possibly misplaced."

As of May 24, 1988, the mail still has not been found. All this has created quite a problem with residents who say that they have paid various bills (especially water bills) to the City.

"There were 32 who called about late-notice billings," said Napiorkowski. "24 of them had submitted official inquiries through the Post Office, with the majority of them being through the Taylor Post Office and a small portion coming through the Romulus Post Office." He continued, "I answered all inquiries that were presented to me and all were negative responses. We had not received any that were in question."

Napiorkowski also stated that the Taylor Post Office felt that the problem was in the City's mail room with the Mail Clerk. He questions that, since the mail that is in question was not delivered to the mail room by the Post Office.

It is apparent that if you mail a letter in Romulus, it must, for some reason, go through the Taylor branch of the Postal Service and then be sent back to Romulus. It would seem to me that a letter mailed from Romulus to Romulus need not ever leave the City, but the efficiency of the Postal Service prevails and, as a result, we get lost or misplaced mail.

Twenty-five cents for better service? Some might consider that questionable, especially those who have had mail lost, misplaced, trampled on, pre-opened, or mis-delivered. One party I know had a check, which was mailed to him at his regular address, end up in California. Luckily for him, the person in California looked up his name here, called him, and told him that he had the check. The man re-mailed it and, after a long while, the check finally arrived at the proper address. That is postal efficiency, to say the least. □

Senate Passes Preserves Bill

State Senator William Faust praised his Senate colleagues after they overwhelmingly approved a bill which would regulate and manage Michigan's underwater preserves. Senate Bill 721 will now move to the House of Representatives for consideration.

"Our state's Great Lakes are filled with countless treasures which need to be protected from overzealous individuals just out to make a quick buck," said Faust. "When you consider their historic importance, then my legislation is the least I can do to save these underwater preserves for future generations," added Faust.

The measure will create the Underwater Salvage and Preserve Committee to provide technical and other advice to the Department of Natural Resources and the Secretary of State. The committee would provide rules for creating underwater preserves and establish regulations for underwater salvage. Salvage operations would need permits to take items of historical value from the preserves. Violators would face felony charges and fines.

"Michigan's underwater preserves offer divers an opportunity to explore shipwrecks and give archaeologists a view of the State's maritime past," said Faust. □

Exchange Day a Success

The Mayor, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Treasurer, and other dignitaries from the City of Hazel Park were in our city on May 25 to see how the government of the City of Romulus functions.

Festivities started with the City of Hazel Park donating a hazel tree to Romulus, and it was immediately planted by the marquee near Wayne Road. Coffee, juice, milk, and an assorted collection of cakes, tarts, and cheese-cakes were served at 9:15 a.m., and they were absolutely delicious.

Mayor McAnally presented, to the Mayor and other officials of Hazel Park, the plans for the future development of Romulus, including the new billion-dollar plan for the Merriman Road and Wick Road areas. I found that there are plans for an additional 1,000 rooms to be added to the already-busy hotel complex area, plus a possibility of two convention areas. McAnally stated that we already have more rooms available for conventions than the City of Detroit, and made it plain that, even though the Airport is sometimes referred to as 'Coleman's Baby,' it is, in fact, what we consider to be the Romulus International Airport.

The presentation was well-done by the Mayor. She called on each department head to explain his job, and also had the elected officials explain how they handle their respective positions. The only Councilman in attendance was Pete Bergeron. (Most of the other

Councilmen work jobs with rigid schedules, and so could not make an appearance. Mr. Bergeron is self-employed, and can set his own hours.)

The Mayor and other officials escorted the Mayor of Hazel Park, along with his entourage, through a sight-seeing tour of the Airport and had lunch together. The rest of the day was spent at the Police Department, touring it and listening to a presentation about the crash of Flight 255, which was very interesting.

The day was capped off with dinner at the Hilton. A great day was had by all. □

Pit Bull?

by D. A. Atkins

Councilman Randy Gear has said that he intends to be a full-fledged Pit Bull when it comes to his position on City Council. He stated, at the last City Council meeting, that he was elected to help the people of Romulus and that is exactly what he intends to do. Needless to say, he received a resounding round of applause from the packed City Council chambers.

Gear has been working very closely with Councilman Pennington on several projects, and the combination has worked well so far.

Of course, Mr. Gear is a new Council member, and has worked very hard at trying to learn his new job. He is now in a position where he feels that he, along with the help of other Council members, can make some dramatic changes in the City — all for the better.

He and Pennington cannot, how-

ever, do it all themselves. Councilman Pete Bergeron has made a strong commitment to help with the improvement of the City, as has Bill Wadsworth and Mary Ann Banks. It is unknown at this time if Jimmie Raspberry and Junior Block intend to work with the other Council members as closely as they should. It is also understood by most that not everyone is always going to agree on all subjects, but there is the feeling that just about any and everything can be worked out between them if it is for the betterment of the City.

Mr. Gear posed a strong election campaign last year, and he started early. He evidently is ready to pose a strong campaign for the betterment of the City, and he has said he will do whatever it takes to get the job done, with or without the help of anyone.

"These people elected me to do a job for them and I intend to do it. If I get reelected, that's great; if I don't, then I'm sorry. I intend to do what I was elected to do; I am going to do it."

Mr. Pennington has vowed to do everything he can to help Mr. Gear, as long as he is in the right, and he will give him whatever direction he can to help him. □

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Distinguished Service Awards

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation presented two Distinguished Service Awards at the Romulus Michigan Week Festival, 1988. This award is given to individuals who have given outstanding recreational support to the City of Romulus.

To qualify for this award, the candidate must have spent at least five years in a volunteer capacity in one or more recognized recreational activities in the City of Romulus.

George Dunn

George Dunn's nominators, Irene and Mark Scheffer, had this to say about George:

"In 1973 he had his first Little League team (9-12 year olds). In 1975 he had the first girl ball player in the league (Lori Summerfield). He managed and co-managed many all-star teams. In 1977 he managed an all-star team which included Lori Summerfield. Many times he acted as counselor, taxi driver and confidant to the boys who played for him. After an absence of a Big League, he encouraged the players to form one. In 1982 he coached both a Major League and a Big League team. He did this for two years. In 1985, he concentrated his time on just the 16-18 year olds. Many of his players from past years came to play on these teams and for two years Romulus had two Big League teams. In 1985 he won the District 5 Championship in Taylor, Mich. He went on to co-manage the Big League All-Stars in Grand Rapids.

"After the finish of the 1987 season after 15 years of coaching, he decided to retire. Besides his teaching, he was also into field maintenance. Many times after a rain when he came home from work, he would take his son to the field to clear water from the low spots. He would sweep water, shovel dirt and sand to make the field playable. In his Big League career he enlisted the help of Bob Yondura to line the high school field."

Louise Buczkowski

Louise Buczkowski's nominator, Marilyn Masters, had this to say about Louise:

"Louise Buczkowski is 80 years young and is an active member of our senior citizen community. Louise is a good example of a volunteer; she is always ready to help at the Daddy-Daughter/Mother-Son dances in whatever capacity she is needed, and was also an active participant in establishing grants for the 'new' Senior Center (1970s) and in helping to furnish the kitchen and large meeting rooms.

"Louise has been the sunshine person for Club #1 for at least 20 years, and has enriched many lives by making numerous telephone calls and home visits to the ill for the Club #1. She is an inspiration for the lonely.

"Louise has volunteered time for the City Christmas (Santa) Party, the Mayoral Inauguration, Arts and Crafts sales held by the seniors to raise money for senior projects at the Senior Center, and is always available to volunteer for any project, whether it be doing for our senior citizen population or helping the Recreation Department complete a project for our children. In my opinion, recognition is past-due for Louise." □

News From The Rec Center

Summertime Dance

The cost of each of these eight-week sessions, held on Wednesdays from July 6 to August 24 in the Recreation Building, is \$12. Ballet is from 4:15 to 5 p.m., Tap is from 5 to 5:45 p.m., Pre-School is from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., and Jazz is from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Classes are limited to 15 students.

Summertime Gymnastics

The cost of each of these eight-

week sessions, held on Tuesdays from July 5 to August 23 in the Recreation Building, is \$15. Pre-school is from 6 to 7 p.m., Beginners is from 7 to 8 p.m., and Intermediate is from 8 to 9 p.m. Classes are limited to 15 students.

Adult Aerobics

Adult Aerobics will be held Wednesdays from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. in the Recreation Building, beginning July 6 and running through August 24. The cost of the eight-week session is \$15.

Jazzercise

Jazzercise will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Building, beginning June 21. The cost of the six-week session (12 classes) is \$25. Class size is limited. If there is enough interest, a 7:30 p.m. class will be added.

Summer Karate Class

Karate Class will be held Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Recreation Building, beginning June 17 and running through August 19. The cost of the ten-week session is \$20. Class size is limited to the first 30 students.

Summer Recreation Program

There will be six or seven sites located throughout the City for a Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., recreation program this summer. This six-week program will begin the week of June 27. Complete detailed information will be available about June 1.

Detroit Tiger Day

The Romulus Recreation Department has purchased tickets and will be taking a bus-load of kids to the Saturday, June 18, game against Toronto. The cost is only \$7, which includes transportation to and from the stadium, the price of an upper-deck reserved ticket, and adult supervision. This trip is limited to only 55 children, so register as soon as possible.

Softball for Youth and Adults

Registration is still being accepted for the summer youth softball program and for the Men's Over 35 and Women's Over 30 softball leagues. For further information, contact the Recreation Department at 942-6852.

Discount Amusement Park Tickets

Discount tickets are now on sale at the Recreation Building for the following places: Cedar Point, Bob-Lo, Canada's Wonderland, Crossroads Village, Detroit Zoo, Four Bears, Geauga Lake, Great America, Greenfield Village or Museum, King's Island, Michigan Renaissance Festival, Michigan State Fair (Admission and Rides), Sea World, and the Beach Waterpark in Cincinnati. For more information, you can contact the Recreation Department at 942-6852. □

A Letter to Council

Dear Councilperson:

I would like to take this opportunity to express some of my feelings about what is happening in Romulus generally; but mainly, about the area in which I live. I have lived in the area bounded by Middle Belt, I-94, Merriman and Ecorse Road for 28 years and cannot think of anywhere else that I would rather live.

I know that there are many bad and unkept houses in this area; but, much of that has been caused by the peculiar zoning designation which I live under ... Business Transitional. However, even with the zoning burden, there are many nice kept up houses in this area.

There have been many people move into the area during the past few years that have attempted to improve the homes in which they live. Many of these people are young couples that both have to work to make ends meet. The reason that they bought in this area is because this is what they could afford and were willing to work on their homes at night and on weekends after working all day at their regular jobs.

If the neighborhood continues to be rezoned and business keeps pushing us out, where are we the older long time residents and the younger new residents supposed to go? With the cost of housing so high, and rent is out of

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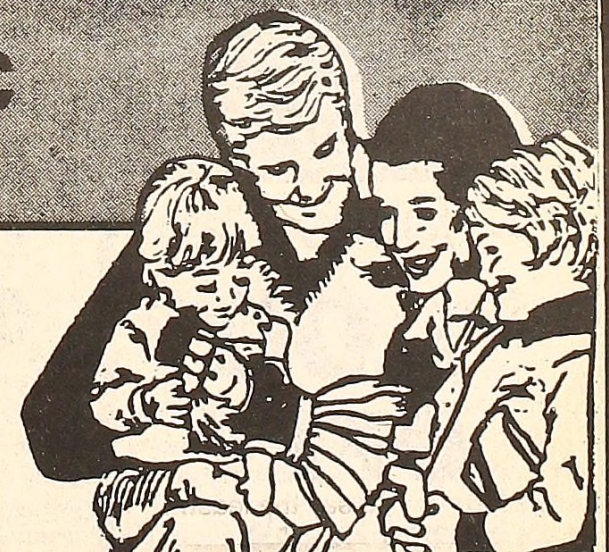
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State-of-the-Art Good, Bad, or Indifferent?

by Dave Atkins

Does it ever get any better than it is now? Many of us thought Barden Cablevision service was bad enough, but is Omnicom any better?

The television antenna outside, on the top of my house, gives me just as good (if not better) reception than the cable system does on the local channels, including channels 20, 50, 56, and 62. And for the prices charged for stations like PASS and the movie channels, it would seem to me that the distortion and down-time should be a lot less. Omnicom constantly tells us that the lines are being worked on to make it better for us, but for some reason it never seems to get any better at all.

If you try to watch channel 40, which is the channel for the City of Romulus, it looks like the station is coming in from Dayton, Ohio. (You could probably see it just about as well if it was.) The Cable Commission should be a little more concerned with what the public is, in fact, getting for its money. I wonder how many of them even have cable?

As I write this (May 23), cable service is out throughout the City. How long will it be out? Who knows? How long will it be out tomorrow and the day after? Does anyone know? Do we have allowances in our contract to deduct the amount of time we are without cable? If we do not, why?

It is almost like fighting the government when you have cable. The cable

companies can bill you for their services, and you had better not be late or they will turn it off; but if, at two in the morning, you are watching a movie you have wanted to see for a long time, and the cable goes out and stays out for hours and hours, you can't deduct that time from your bill, or they will still turn it off. For the life of me, I cannot understand how these people who supposedly are serving the public can say they are doing their job.

'State-of-the-art' was the term used (on more than one occasion) by Mr. Barden to describe his equipment to City Council, yet, when I talked to a service man at Omnicom, he said that Omnicom had inherited junk.

Just what does 'state-of-the-art' mean? Is it something good, bad, or indifferent? Or is it a phrase that people use when trying to impress someone who doesn't know what they are talking about to begin with? It is kind of like saying, "My outhouse is state-of-the-art." That's great — but compared to what? If what I have seen in this city, as far as cable is concerned, is state-of-the-art, I certainly would hate to see what kind of results we would get with bad equipment.

Maybe Omnicom is trying to make our viewing better; it certainly couldn't get much worse. Maybe, instead of using Barden's 'state-of-the-art' equipment, they should go out and buy their

version of 'state-of-the-art' and see if it works any better.

And that brings to mind another subject regarding cable. City Hall is allegedly wired to broadcast the Council meetings and other City activities, but is not, at this point in time, doing so. All you see on our channel is something that has been done with a computer and is six-months-old news when you read about it — that is, when you can read it.

Frankly, I think that I, personally, would be better off buying a VCR, renting the movies I want to see, and buying a good, outside antenna or satellite. Over the long run it would probably be cheaper, and I would have more (good) channels to select from. If that went out, I suppose I could then complain to the FCC but, then again, they probably wouldn't listen any more than anyone else. I would probably have to write to the company who made the satellite that is floating around in space, and see if it could get a state-of-the-art technician to fly out and fix its state-of-the-art satellite. It would be just my luck that the technician would go off into space without the proper state-of-the-art tool to fix it with! □

It would seem that TRW Credit Data should be made to force the creditors to supply written information instead of just calling it in or whatever process is now used. It would also seem that both creditor and credit data reporter should be held liable for bad credit reporting that causes you embarrassment or the refusal of credit. If enough people would see their attorneys about such problems, maybe there would be fewer problems.

If you are turned down for credit and you do not know the reason why, it is your legal right to contact TRW and have a copy of your credit report sent to you. If you feel that the report is inaccurate, you have a right to dispute it, and that is exactly what you should do. If you are correct, and the credit report is wrong, make the creditor send you a letter stating so, make TRW take it off of the records, and then see an attorney to see about litigation against both the creditor and TRW.

When you write to TRW, be sure to include your full name (and the full name of your spouse, if applicable), your social security number, your present address and the addresses of any previous residences in the past five years, and put your signature on your request.

This is your right, and you should exercise it. You should do this every couple of years anyway to make sure that everything is properly reported so that you can avoid future problems. □

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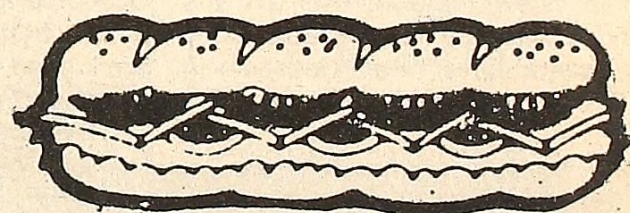
the way credit reporting should be, also. It should be on the shoulders of the creditors to prove you owe them something and are not paying, rather than it being the other way around.

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SCHOOL SPORTS 'N' NEWS

News from St. Aloysius

Congratulations to the following Kindergarten graduates:

Shane Burhans, David Denstedt, Melissa Farmer, Christopher Fling, Eric Franquist, Theresa Genaw, Laura Gunn, Kimberly Hager, Joseph Hammer, Nathaniel Hargress, Lorraine McBride, Erin Major, Deanna Mullins, Cliff Nowicki, Frank Osmulski, Tricia Paul-tanis, Shawna Peters, Maceo Russell, Emily Scott, William Sovinski, Eric Staten, Clarence Whitfield, and Tameka Woodard.

The calendar for June includes the following events:

June 2
Eighth-Grade Graduation, 7:30 p.m.
June 6
Grades Six and Seven — Willow Park
June 7
Grades One and Two — Detroit Zoo
June 8
Grades Four and Five — Willow Park
June 9
Grade Three — Field Day at School
June 9
Last Full Day of School
June 10
Kindergarten Graduation, 9 a.m.
June 10
Half Day of School & Closing Liturgy □

Passport to Adventure

Elementary School children can 'read around the world' this summer by participating in *Passport to Adventure* at the Romulus Public Library. Don't miss the adventures in far-off lands. Explore the Antarctica, climb mountains, cruise down the Nile River or just read for enjoyment. Special pro-

grams will be held each Wednesday at 1 p.m. from June 22 through August 17. These programs include a Karate demonstration with Willie Adams from the Recreation Department, a craft session with Margaret Schmidt from Maplewoods Homestead in Plymouth, live animals from Oakwood Nature Center and much more. Registration is now in process at the Library; parents may call the Romulus Library at 942-7589 for additional information.

A special treat awaits pre-schoolers who participate in "story-hour" and a "Read-To-Me" program. The story hour takes place Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. and Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. during the month of July. You may register any time. The Read-To-Me program is open to all children two years old and older who have not yet begun to read. Parents or older children read to the children at home and a record of books read is kept at the library. This is an excellent way to instill enjoyment of reading in pre-school children.

Students grades seven through 12 may use the Computer Pix service. Areas of special interest are identified by completing a questionnaire; this data is then fed into a computer and the student will receive a printout of books which may be used for recreational reading during the summer. Young people can participate in this program anytime from June 1 through August 12. □

D. E. Shaffer (of Goddard Road) — pick up your free two-liter bottle of Pepsi before June 10, 1988, at the Polka-Dot Party Store.

Cynthia A. Harris (of Beverly Road) — there is a free nightshirt waiting for you at the Cotton Pickers in Wayne if you pick it up before June 10, 1988.

Myron L. Rhodes (of Lisa) — pick up your free two-liter bottle of Pepsi before June 10, 1988, at the Polka-Dot Party Store.

JUNE 1988 CALENDAR OF EVENTS HALECREEK SCHOOL — ART McPHARLIN, PRINCIPAL

DAY	SPECIAL EVENTS	TIME	ROOM
1	P.A.L. Program for 4-Year-Olds (Graduation)	9:30-11:00	#3
	Halecreek Concert Band Performance	10:00	Cafeteria
	Elementary Band Concert	7:00	RHS Aud
3	Positive Discipline Assembly	1:30	Cafeteria
7	6th-Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.		
	3rd- and 4th-Grade Trip to Cranbrook Institute of Science	9:00	
	P.T.G. General Membership Meeting	7:00	Library
13	School Board Election Day Don't Forget to Vote!	7AM-8PM	
14	"I Got Caught Being Good" Pizza/Pop Treat Flag Day — Fly Your Flag!	Lunch	
	Halecreek Hawk Award Drawing	8:50	
15	1st-Grade Picnic at Willow Park	9:30	
	Last Day of School for PM Kindergarten		
	6th-Grade Graduation Ceremony	7:00	
16	Last Day of School — ½ Day — School Dismissed at 11:15 Report Cards Go Home with Students		

DAY	WEEKLY ACTIVITIES	TIME (PM)	ROOM
M	Cub Scout Pack 1739 — Den 7	2:45-4:30	Cafeteria
	Cub Scout Pack 1739 — Den 6	2:45-4:30	Art
	Brownie Troop 291	6:30-7:45	Cafeteria
T	Cub Scouts	2:45-4:00	Art
	Cub Scouts — Den 3	4:00-6:30	Art
	Brownie Troop 174	6:30-7:30	Music
	2nd Tuesday of the Month — Tiger Cubs	6:30-7:30	Art
W	Cub Scouts	6:00-7:30	Art
	Boy Scouts	7:00-9:00	Music
T	Girl Scout Troop 215	6:00-7:00	Library
F	Webelos Meeting	5:00-6:00	Art

School Resumes Wednesday, September 7 (½ Day)

Elect JoAnn Marvicsin ROMULUS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dear Voter,

I am writing in regards to the upcoming election on June 13, 1988 for the Romulus Board of Education. There are several issues concerning and surrounding the election besides acquisition of office.

We must concern ourselves with the present needs of the children and the maintenance of approaches to meet these needs over long periods of time. One of these needs is to balance the academic performance of our students with other school districts. In order to do this we must reinforce our methods of curriculum development to equal higher levels of quality education. It is quite obvious that Romulus is one of the many districts that does not receive the same quality educational funding of other better funded districts. The equalization of quality education can only come about by effectively working together with the community to balance the budget and ensure equal distribution of that budget. The goal for school officials is to develop a workable educational system throughout the state.

For example, the Financial School Reform Bill will call for an increase in sales tax from .04 to .06 cents on the dollar, which will increase the state general fund revenues for K — 12 grade education and will provide tax relief to residential and business property owners. Another advantage of keeping the budget in balance by financial school reform is to help ease the burden on our Senior Citizens who are trying to survive on a fixed income.

It is important to be aware of new mandated laws because a single law could devastate a school budget. It is important that board members become more actively involved in representing Romulus in local, state, and national functions. Attendance at these functions and interaction with board members and school officials from other districts will increase awareness of current mandated laws that effect our students. The future of our children is up to you. **Don't forget to vote on June 13, 1988.**

Sincerely,
JoAnn Marvicsin



Paid for by the Committee to Elect JoAnn Marvicsin

Something Worth Thinking About

by Marvin Hawbaker, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Romulus

Perhaps you remember your parents telling you that things are not always as they appear to be. Part of growing up is learning that many things in life are deceiving. The same is true of people. People can pretend to be something that they are not.

Jesus addressed that issue when He said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; . . . Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (Matthew 7:21-23)

Jesus very clearly pointed out that there will be those who appear to be Christians, when in reality they are not. There will even be those who do many "wonderful works" in the name of Christ

and believe themselves to be saved who will be turned away when they stand before Christ because their profession was not genuine. Even they themselves are deceived as to their true condition.

The most important thing in the world is to know our true condition before God. The Bible tells us that we can know where we stand with God. In fact, the entire book of I John was written so that we could know that we have eternal life. The Apostle John gives us tests that we can apply to ourselves in order to tell whether or not we are truly children of God. I will share these with you in future articles.

What is your true condition before God? If you were to stand before Christ today, would you be accepted or would you be turned away with the words "I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity"?

It is something worth thinking about. □

Obituary

Ranko Roksandich

Romulus resident Ranko "Rockie" Roksandich, of 12040 Elmview, died May 17, 1988, at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was 64 years old.

Rockie was the beloved husband of Pauline, and the dear father of Bruce G., Ms. Brenda K. Becker, and Mrs. Gerald (Sharon L.) Marcel. He is also survived by brother Steve Roksandich, sister Mrs. Wally (Julie) Chamberlin, and five grandchildren.

Rockie was employed as a bricklayer, and was a member of V.F.W. Post #9568 and Bricklayer Local #35.

Funeral services were held May 20 at Crane Funeral Home, with the Rev. J.D. Landis officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park, and the arrangements were made by the Crane Funeral Home, 36885 Goddard Road, Romulus. □

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Sunday Evening Service - 7:00 p.m. / Youth Service - Friday 7:00 p.m.

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34584 Beverly Road / Romulus, Michigan 48174 / (313) 729-4240
Elder Reginald Williams, Pastor

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Sunday Evening Service - 7:30 p.m.

— CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH —

11338 Ozga Road / Romulus, Michigan 48174 / (313) 941-0236
Marvin Hawbaker, Pastor / Bob Casement, Associate Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. / Sunday Adult Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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9426 S. Wayne Road / Romulus, Michigan 48174 / Office: (313) 941-1105
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Parsonage: (313) 729-7243 / Church: (313) 729-4884
Rev. Douglas M. Bishop, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
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Family Training Service - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

— MARTIN TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST —

6566 S. Wayne Road / Romulus, Michigan 48174
Rev. E. Martin, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. / Sunday Worship - 12:00 p.m.
Prayer and Bible Study - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. / Friday Worship Service - 5:30

— THE COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH —

11160 Olive Street / Romulus, Michigan 48174
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J.D. Landis, Pastor / (313) 941-0736
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.

— ROMULUS WESLEYAN CHURCH —

37300 Goddard Road / (5 Points) / Romulus, Michigan 48174 / (313) 941-1511
Rev. Randy Swink, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.

— CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST —

7335 Washington / Romulus, Michigan 48174 / (313) 595-0629
Pastor: Elder James Lee Whitehead

Sunday School - 9:00 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.

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34156 Beverly Road / Romulus, Michigan 48174 / (313) 729-6440
Bishop Lovell Wooden, Sr.

Sunday School - 9:00 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m. / Bible Study - Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
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— COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH —

6200 Fourth Street / Romulus, Michigan 48174 / (313) 729-0630
Office: 837-1302

Rev. Ned Copeland, Pastor / (313) 837-5273
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.

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Oakbrooke Villa Club House
30251 Elm Street / (1 Block off Eureka) / Romulus, Michigan 48174
Rev. Herbert C. Copeland, Pastor

Sunday School - 9:00 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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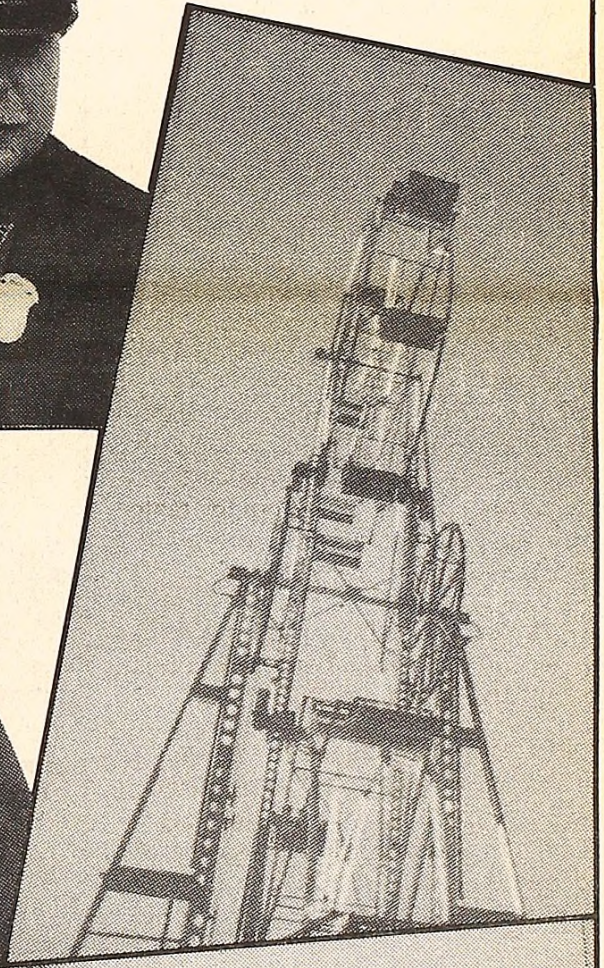
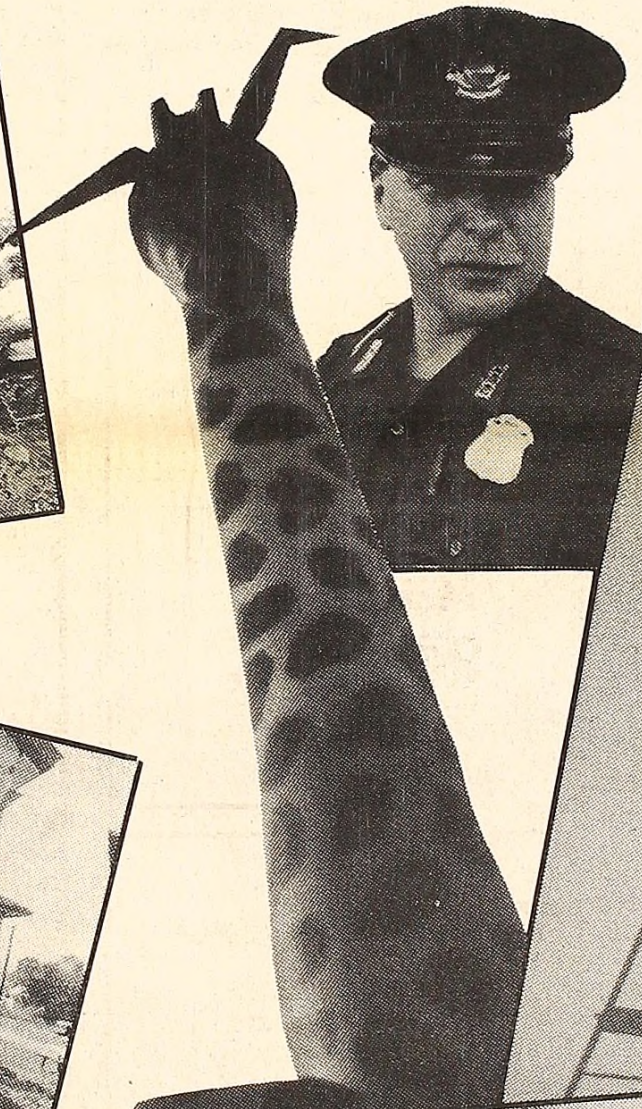
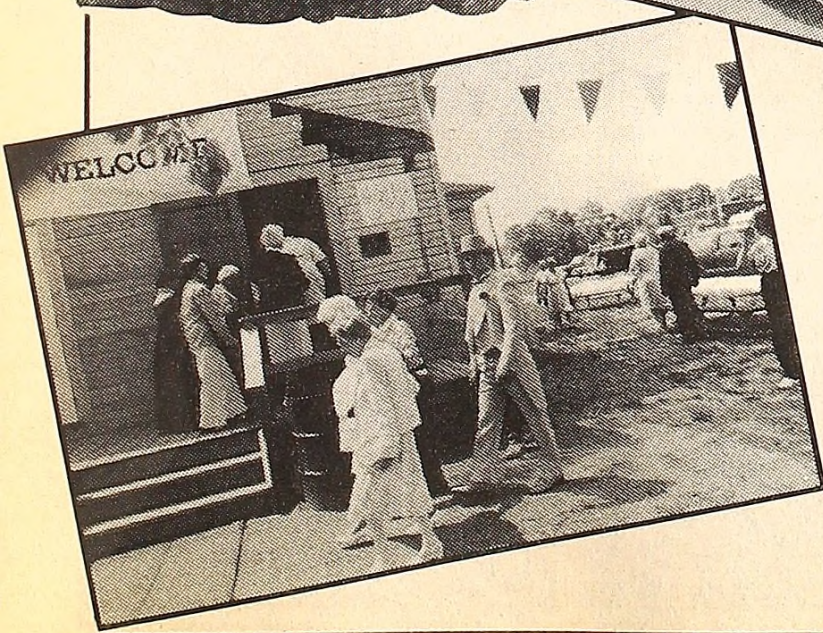
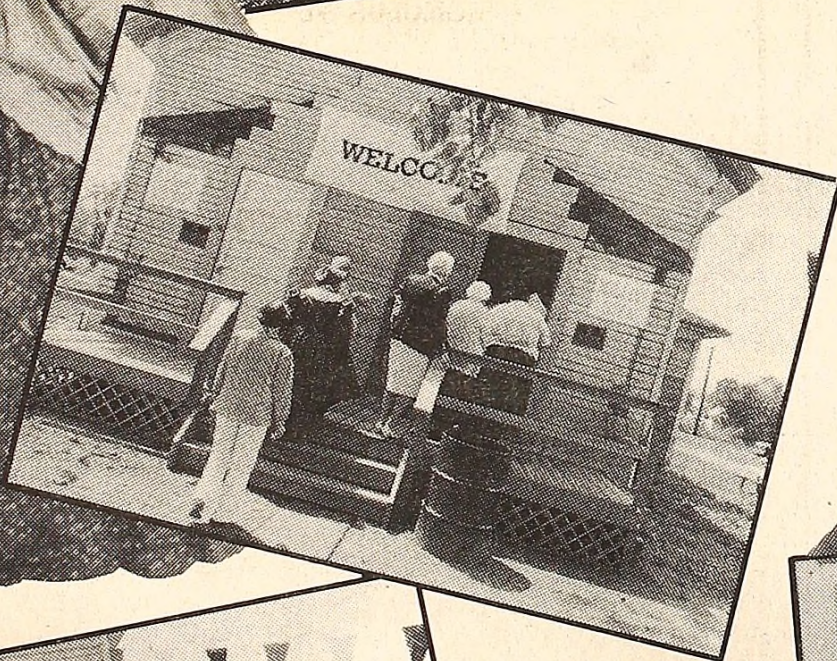
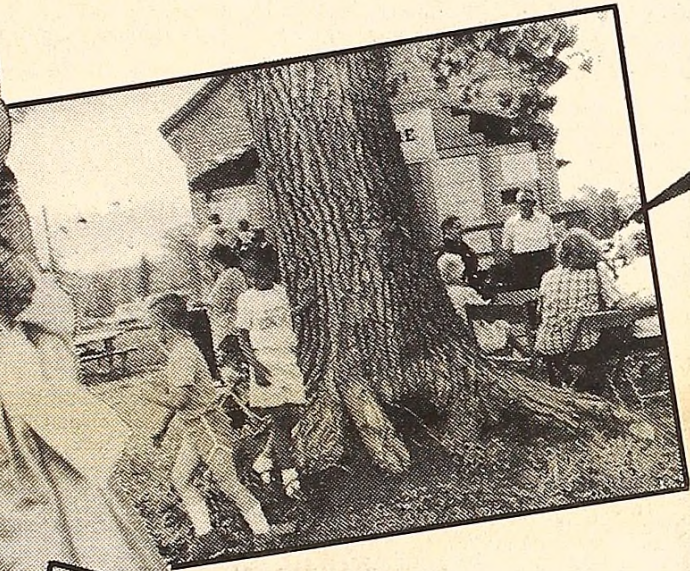
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Parade from City Hall to Festival Grounds



Mr. James shows them how it is done.



Representative Jim Kosteva never misses a parade here.



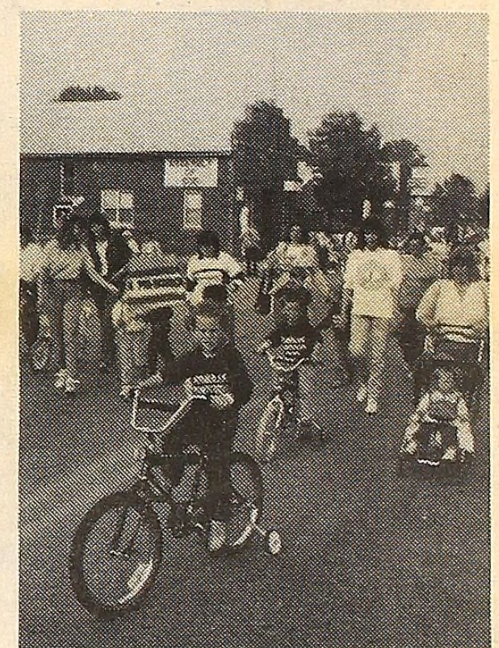
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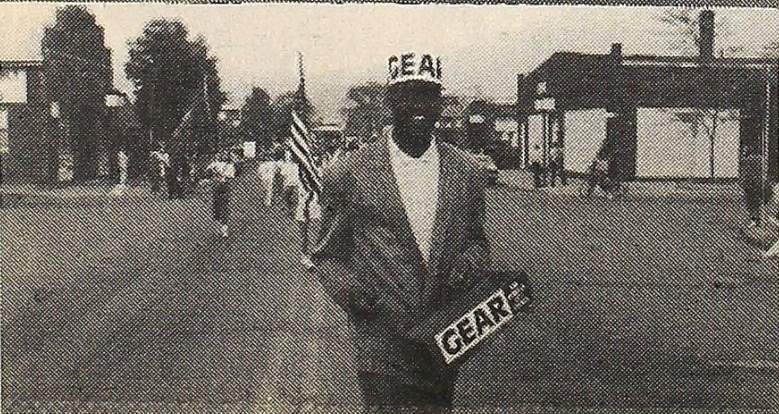
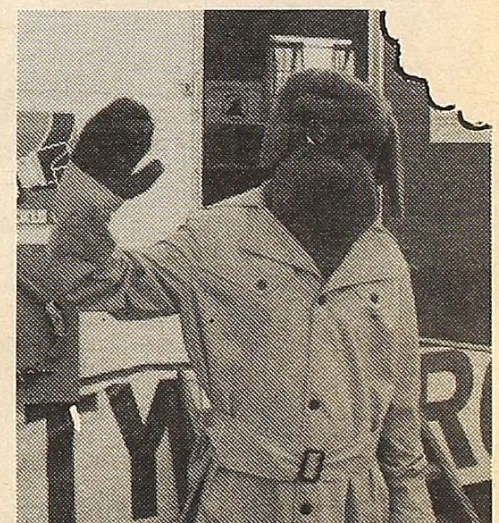
High School marching band shines on this day.



Milt Mack walks the long parade route.



Montessori kids.



Young and Old Alike Join in the Parade



Historical Society takes part in the parade in 1800's dress.



Some of the little ladies in this picture will grow up to be Scout leaders.



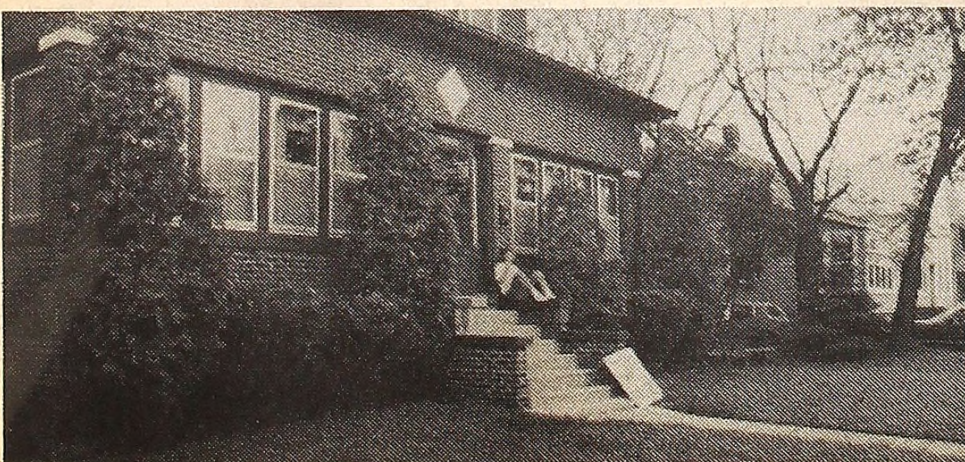
Two ladies headed Downtown to watch the parade about 6:10 p.m.



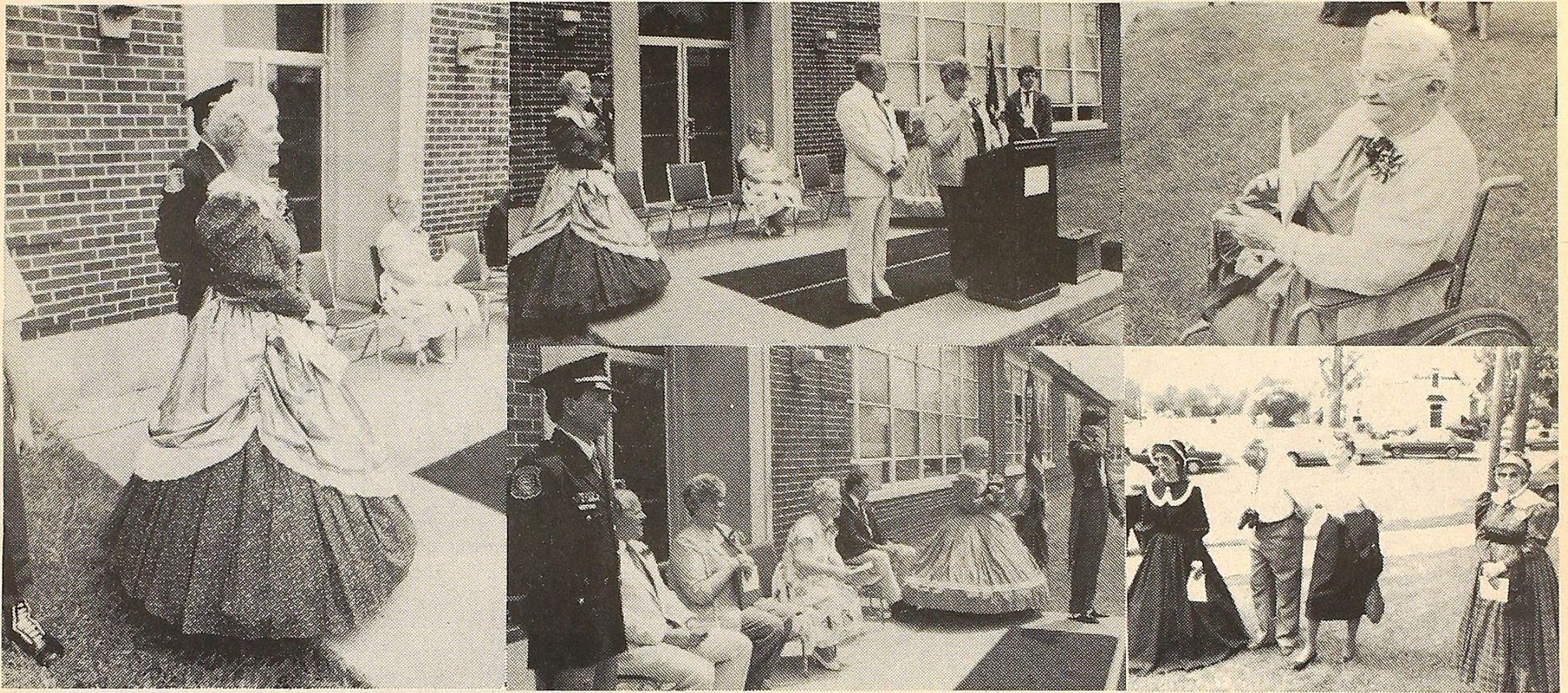
Pictured above is one of the reasons it does not pay to drink and drive.



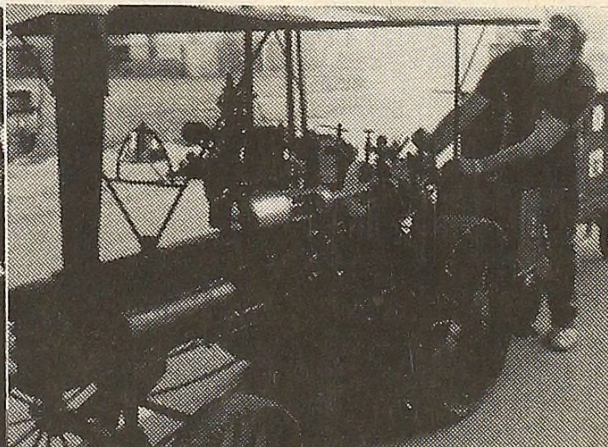
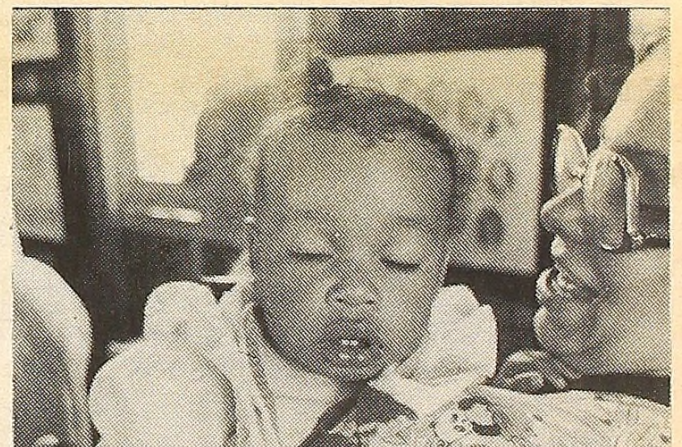
This young man should be known by all who see him. Councilman?



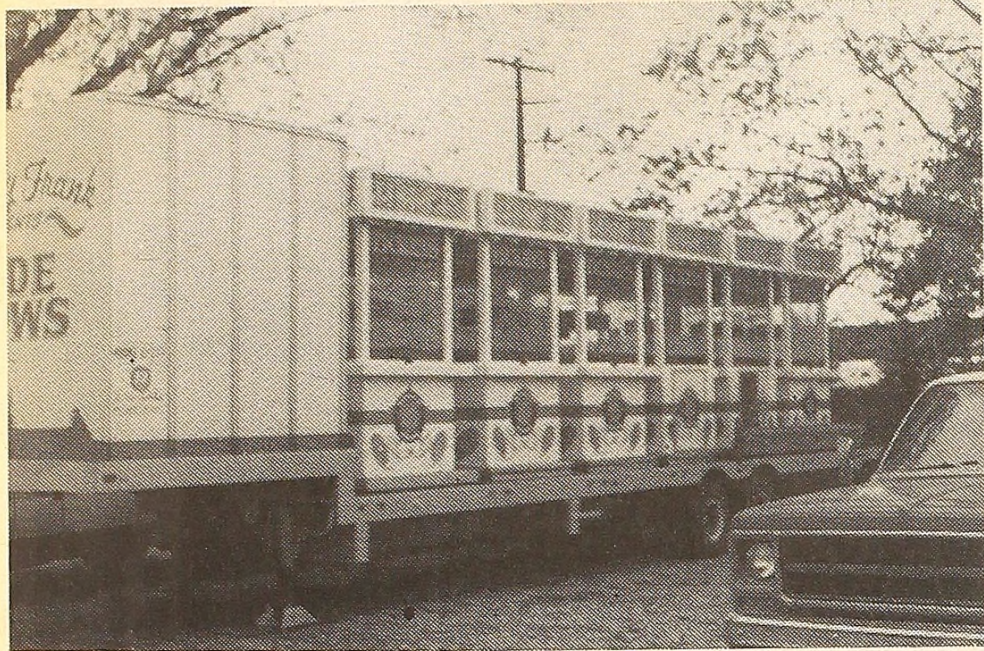
Historical Society Shines



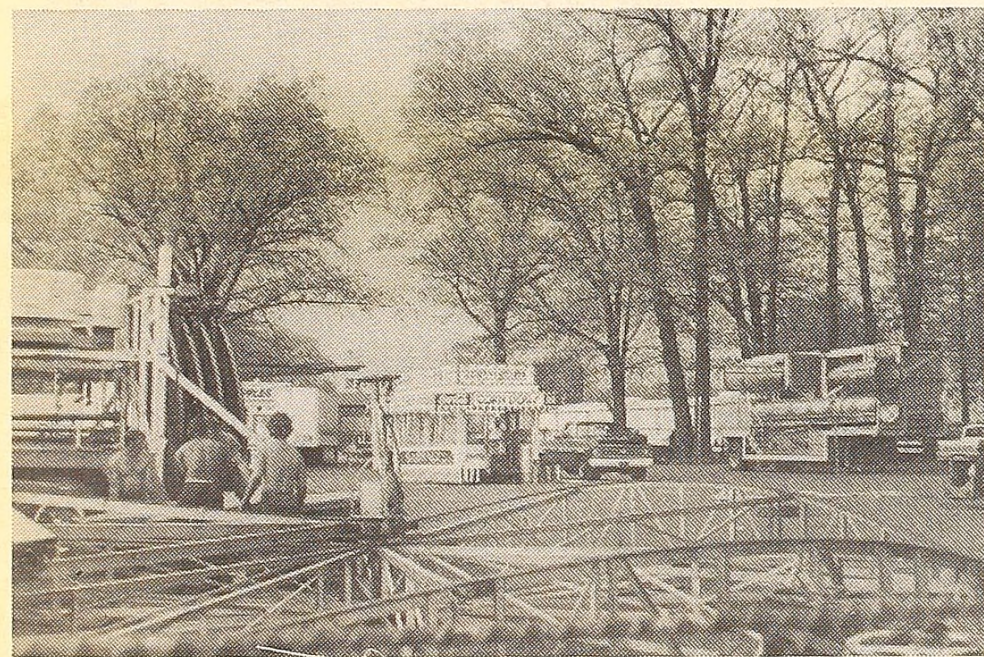
There were many presentations at the festivities held by the Romulus Historical Society, and many people turned out to see the old one-room schoolhouse and recall many old friends who were pictured on the walls.



Setting Up the Rides — Hard Work, Lots of Money ... and a Lot of Fun!



Six ticket booths that collected a record amount of money this year.



Taking a break from the hard work of setting up one of the rides.



An arsenal of deadly weapons that was taken by the Romulus Police Department from various crime scenes and raids throughout the City.



Two carnival workers taking a well-deserved break.

10-K Road Race

Congratulations to the following Romulus residents who 'stuck with it' and finished the 1988 Romulus 10-K Road Race (numbers in parentheses indicate the number of finishers and registrants, respectively):

Males, 12 and Under (2, 2)

Ryan Darnell (2nd)

Males, 13-18 (9, 10)

Patrick Gondek (1st), Timothy Gondek (2nd), Dennis Tessin (3rd), Ricky Liberty (4th), Joseph Felice (5th), Paul Niedermeyer (6th), James Cianfarani (8th), Jerry Wilkerson (9th)

Males, 30-34 (15, 18)

Don Hamilton, (8th), Michael Gasper, Jr. (9th)

Males, 35-39 (21, 23)

James Krey (10th), Ray Kubisiak (13th), Dale Twitchell (14th), Patrick Hogan (16th), Kenneth Hafeli (21st)

Males, 40-44 (12, 14)

Kenneth Fussell (10th)

Males, 50-54 (9, 9)

Harold Dubisky (3rd), Keith McArthur (8th)

Females, 35-39 (7, 8)

Pat Twitchell (2nd), Dian Hess (7th)

In addition to taking the first-place honors in the 'Males, 13-18' category, Patrick Gondek was also the top-finisher, overall, amongst Romulus residents, placing 22nd. □



Cutting a squirrel from a log can be fun if you know how.

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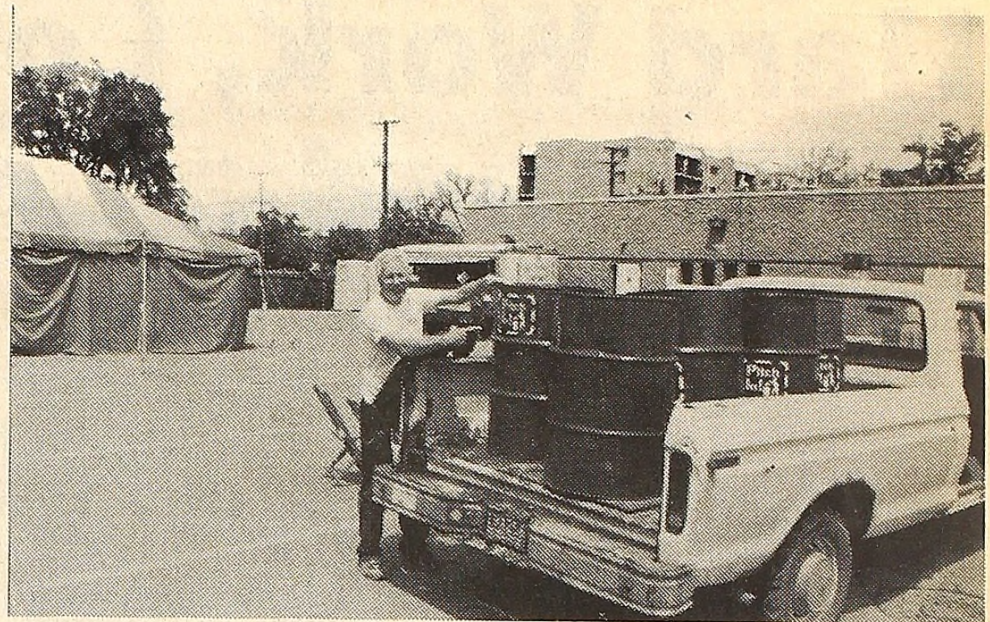
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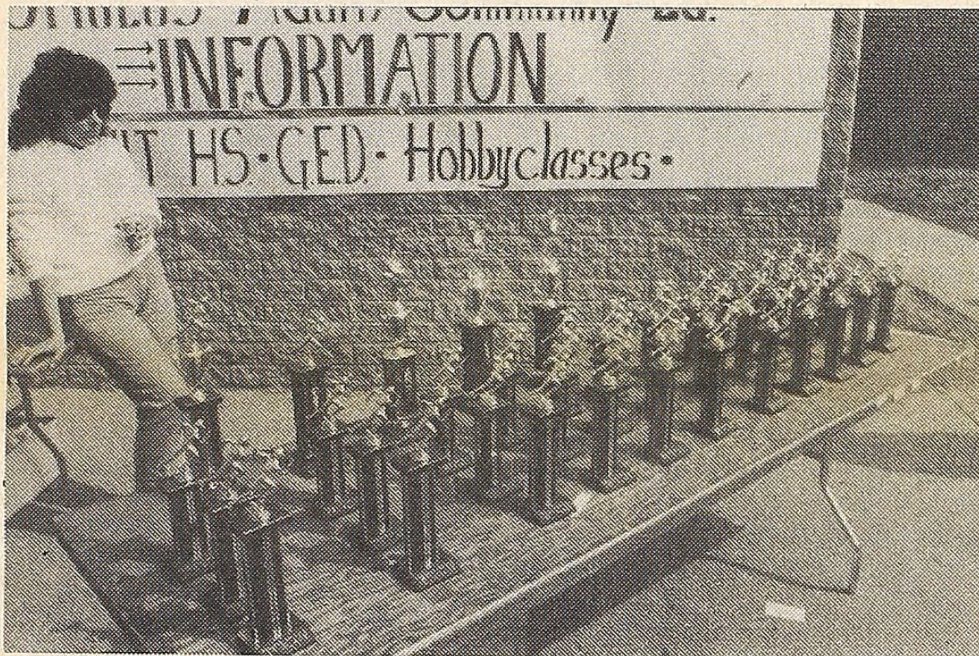
10-K Race Draws Big Crowd



Although not from Romulus, pictured above are the three oldest men to participate in the 10-K Run. All three were willing to let everyone know they were the best runners in the world.



Dennis Davidson said that someone had to keep the grounds clean and it may as well be him, so he pitched right in and cleaned it up — very well, I might add.



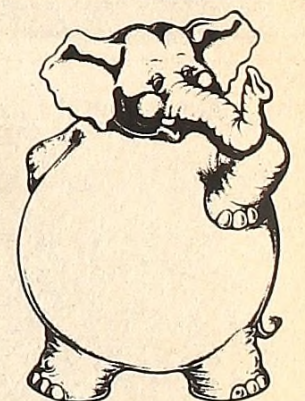
Pictured here are a few of the many, many trophies that were handed out for the 10-K run, including trophies for wheelchair participants.



Two seniors at the Senior Towers taking in the festivities from their balcony on a warm, balmy Sunday afternoon.



*Congratulations
on a job well done by the
Romulus Festival Committee*



*Lambert and Roman Investment
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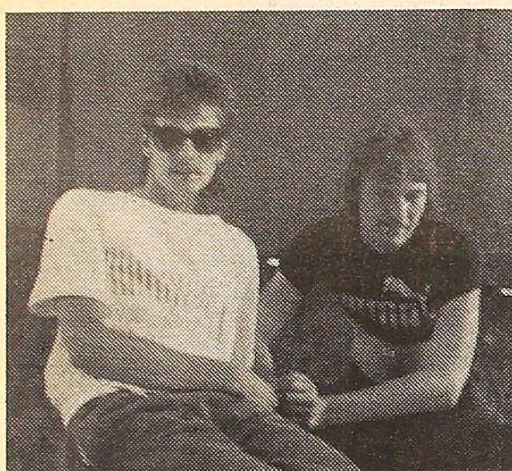
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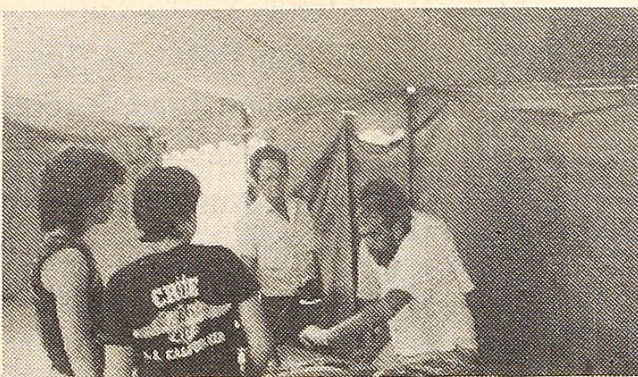
Bob Springfield picks and grins.



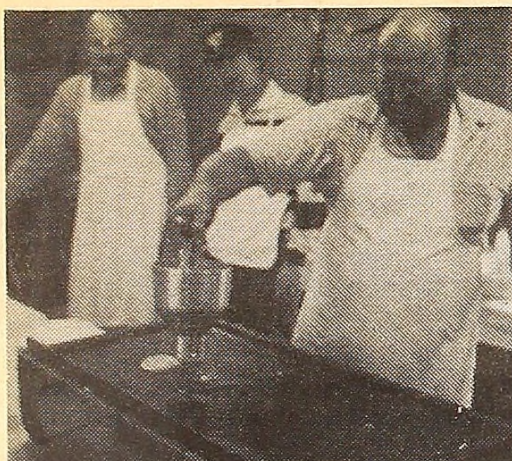
Look pretty — I gotcha!



Some of the teens at their tent for the first time ever.



Sherman Arnold packs the house every year with his 'Tribute to Elvis.'



Great Pancakes.



Ready, Set, GOOOO!



They needed this prize before it was over.



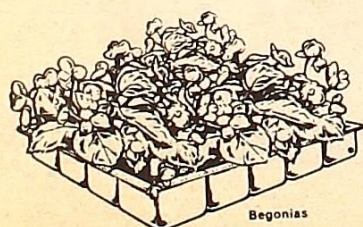
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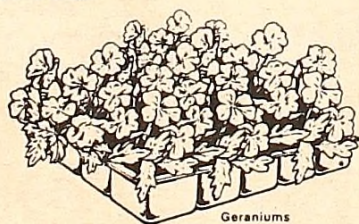
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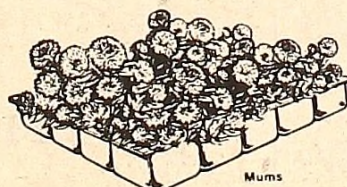
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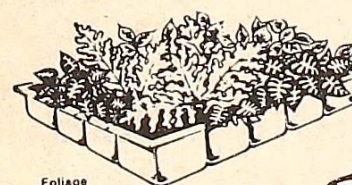
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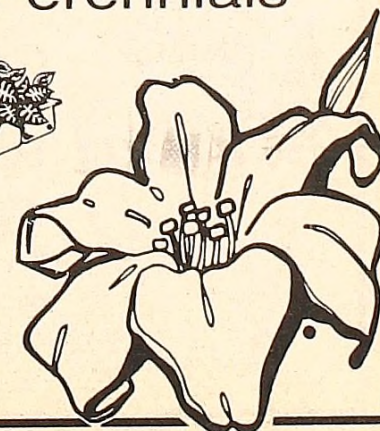
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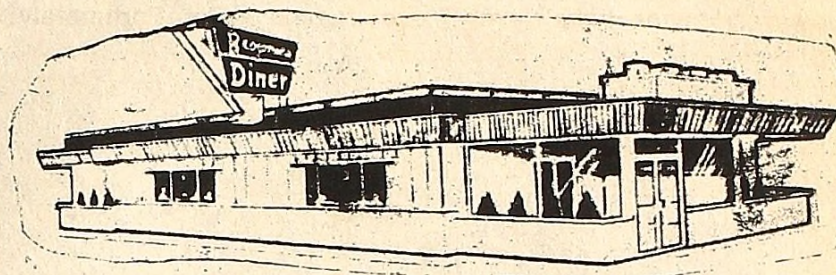
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The Romulus News Staff

Thwarting Thugs

by Tom Shamanski

One day last week, I bought Rambo outfits for our family. My sister, the official family worrier, felt this gave further credibility to her concern for my overall sanity. However, I suspect she's even more concerned her jungle fatigues don't match the rest of her wardrobe, and fearful she may trip over her ammunition belt. Regardless, this was a necessary and prudent move.

What prompted my action was an article I read recently in the newspaper. It seems two youths are filing a malicious destruction suit against a man who allegedly hit their car with a hockey stick. This seemed fairly routine until I further read the man was protecting his son from an unwarranted attack by these thugs. As the assailants sped off, they yelled at the father and son, "We'll be back to kill you!"

Feeling like Peter Finch in the movie *Network*, I screamed inside, *I've had it! I'm not going to take this anymore!* Something had to be done.

Realizing our justice system often puts victims in more jeopardy than criminals, I devised a three-part plan to protect myself and my family. Our Rambo apparatus is the first part. (I've rejected training our kitty to be an 'attack cat.' All she wants to do when I simulate an intrusion is rub the side of her body against my jungle boots. Cute, but not effective.)

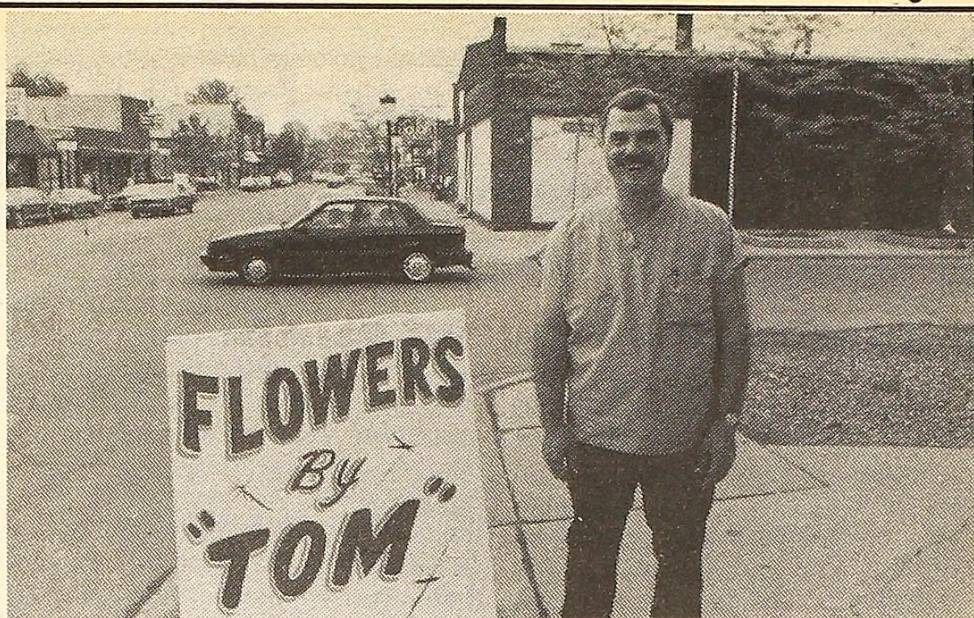
Secondly, I'm letting our house go

to seed. It figures if the place looks run-down and shabby, criminals won't bother with it. They'll think these people are so poor they can't even put up a show of respectability.

There are some cost-saving benefits here, too. I'll never have to buy house paint again, or gasoline for the lawnmower. And the leaky roof will forever remain leaky. Fortunately, this money saved will come in handy when the bill comes for our Rambo gear. Good protection doesn't come cheap.

There's a chance our neighbors may become a bit disenchanted with our messy house, but I think this will work out, too. After they see how a blight-infested dwelling discourages burglars and assailants, they'll no doubt employ the same strategy. Of course, as this evolves to the entire neighborhood, our street will be in shambles and property values will tumble. But we sure won't have to worry about crime, anymore.

The third part of the plan is strictly a last-ditch measure, a kind of 'if you can't beat 'em, join 'em' ploy. We're keeping a stock of cookies, doughnuts, and coffee on hand at all times. If Ramboness and clutterness fail, I intend to be as cordial as possible to all intruders, assailants, and thugs. Too often I've heard of instances where burglars sue their victims because they're injured while ransacking the house. I'm hopeful if I serve refreshments, assist in assembling the goods, and generally be an all-around nice guy, perhaps the criminal won't hit me on the head with a hockey stick, and then sue me afterwards for a sprained wrist. ☐



Still Trying

The effort to maintain services at the Romulus branch of the Secretary of State past the September 30, 1988, closing date continues. State Representative (37th District) James Kosteva recently sent the following letter to Dennis Neuner, Deputy, Secretary of State.

Dear Dennis:

As you are aware, the House passed the General Government budget on May 11, 1988. I want to take this opportunity to point out my support for maintaining the House Appropriations-passed version of the bill.

Representative Strand offered an amendment to decrease the Secretary of State's "look-up" fee from \$8.00 to \$6.00. I cast no votes on three separate attempts to get this amendment

passed. Representative Young, chairperson of the general government subcommittee, stressed the \$8.00 fee needs to be maintained to provide adequate funding for branch office operations.

I am still very concerned that the Goddard Road branch in Romulus stay open beyond September 30, 1988. By casting no votes on the Strand amendment, I hope my conviction to continue Secretary of State services at this branch was reiterated.

I will be monitoring the general government budget as it is deliberated in the Senate. I would also appreciate any additional information you can provide regarding possible cuts in branch operations.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
James A. Kosteva
State Representative ☐

Please Help "the little paper"

by D. A. Atkins

To help with the financing of this paper, we at *The Romulus News* have decided to sell t-shirts and hats for an amount just a little over our cost.

Hats cost us \$3 and we sell them for \$5; t-shirts cost us \$5 and we sell them for \$7.50. As you can see, there is not a great deal of profit to be made selling these items, but we are proud of "the little paper" and many, many of

you are, also. The money earned from the sale of these items goes back into helping to pay for *The Romulus News*.

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KOSTEVA'S REPORT

James Kosteva, State Representative,
37th District

Streamlined Voter Registration Process Goal of House

The House has approved a plan to modernize and standardize the voter registration process in Michigan. The legislation would create a Statewide computerized registration system and uniform registration form under the Secretary of State. The proposal would permit clerks to more easily purge inactive voters from the lists and accept voter applications from any jurisdiction in the State.

House Votes School Improvement Plan

The House has approved funding for a school improvement plan that includes training of teachers and support staff in Michigan school districts. The proposal would also require school boards to submit annual school improvement plans to the county intermediate school district of jurisdiction. School boards would develop and implement three- to five-year improvement plans for each school within the district.

Degradable Six-Pack Rings Approved by Senate Panel

A House-passed bill designed to protect fish, birds and animals from becoming entangled in discarded plastic devices that hold beverage containers has passed a Senate panel. The legislation would require all such holding devices to be made of a material that will dissolve within 360 days when exposed to sunlight and other natural elements.

Memorial to Honor Vietnam Veterans

The House has voted unanimously to establish a Vietnam Veterans Memorial Monument on the grounds of the Capitol Complex in Lansing. The monument would contain the names of all the men and women from Michigan who died in the Vietnam conflict as well as those who are listed as missing in action. The proposal would create a State fund to receive private donations to be used to construct the monument.

Auto Theft Target of State Grants

Law enforcement agencies in Michigan will receive State grants totalling \$4 million from the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority to aid in fighting auto theft. The new grants bring the number of law enforcement officers funded by the Authority to 99. Auto thefts in Michigan have been cut by 12% since 1984 while, nationally, auto thefts rose five percent last year, and 25% since 1984.

House Panel Approves Grandparent Visitation Bill

A House committee has approved a pair of bills that would allow grandparents to ask for court-ordered visitation of grandchildren when the family is no longer intact. The bills stipulate that grandparents could petition the courts for visitation rights when: the child's parents' marriage is ending in separation or divorce; one of the parents is deceased; the child has been placed in out-of-family custody; a parent has refused the grandparents visitation in retaliation for reports of abuse or neglect; or if the child has been deserted by one parent.

New Law Facilitates Arrests of Prison Escapees

The Legislature has approved a measure that would allow certain Department of Corrections employees to make warrantless arrests of parole violators and inmates who escape from prisons, reformatories, halfway houses or other correctional facilities. Previously, corrections employees charged with locating and returning escapees could not make such arrests on their own and, while they waited for police to arrive, the offender had increased opportunity to get away.

House Bills Would Refine Legal Emancipation of Minors

The House is considering measures that would make it more difficult for irresponsible parents to 'throw away' adolescent children through the process of legal emancipation. The bills would allow the courts to emancipate minors, and remove them from the parents' responsibility, only if the minor

child requested it and could prove to the court that he or she could manage all personal and economic affairs.

State Awards Grants for Community Service Projects

Sixteen communities in Michigan will be sharing \$850,000 in Michigan Youth Corps Blue Ribbon Opportunities grants, designed to fund outstanding community service projects. Along with educational and employment initiatives, the grants will support projects undertaken by governmental units and the private sector such as home weatherization programs and improvements to public facilities like fishing piers, sidewalks and bicycle paths.

Measure Would Prohibit Sale of Drug Paraphernalia

A bill being considered by the House would ban the sale and advertisement of pipes, spoons, scales and other devices intended to be used with cocaine and other controlled substances. Proponents of the Statewide measure say several counties and local communities have successfully used similar bans to eliminate the open display and sale of drug paraphernalia.

State Distributes New Rabies Vaccine

The Michigan Department of Public Health is distributing a new rabies vaccine to all local health departments, which will make it available to local doctors and hospitals. The vaccine is recommended treatment for persons bitten by a rabid animal, and can be used as a rabies preventative for individuals at risk of contracting the disease, such as veterinarians, animal control officers and wildlife workers. This new treatment process is less expensive and much less painful than the current treatment.

Property Values Increase Statewide

A preliminary report on Michigan's State Equalized Values (SEVs) shows that property values Statewide have increased by slightly more than seven percent from last year. Total SEVs are reported as \$103.7 billion in real property (land and buildings) and \$15.4 billion in personal property (furnishings, machinery and equipment). Treasury

officials say that the substantial SEV increases indicate a strong and growing economy in the State.

House Approves Dangerous Animal Bills

The House has approved a series of bills that would increase criminal and civil sanctions against the owners of dangerous animals that attack humans without provocation. The House measures also impose felony punishments on individuals who participate in dog fighting contests, either as owners of the animals or as spectators of the illegal events.

Bill Would Guarantee Workers Time to Vote

House members are considering a bill that would require employers in the State to give workers sufficient time off to vote on election days. Proponents of the bill say that some employees have missed opportunities to vote because of unscheduled overtime requirements.

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Clean-Up

by D. A. Atkins

The area at Shook and the railroad tracks has been cleaned up quite well by the owners, Manufacturers Bank. The area, which I had written about several issues ago, has been a prime dumping ground for several years.

Manufacturers has spent well into the multiple thousands of dollars to clean up that area, but someone continues to dump shingles and aluminum siding there.

On the last clean-up day, the bulldozer operators left the area around noon, thinking they were done with the project. The foreman called the Bank to say that the workers had left the site, which had been cleaned according to specifications, and the Bank's Mike Maurer asked the foreman to go back and inspect the area one last time to make sure that everything was fine. When he returned to the site, he found that someone already had dumped more shingles and siding in the area. The time elapsed between his visits there was only about an hour.

I called the Ordinance Department's Steve Banko and told him about the problem. He met us at the site, and the construction company had already been back to clean up what had been dumped.

For an organization like Manufacturers to have to spend money to clean

up property that it admittedly owns, but is not responsible for the dumping on, is a shame. Sure, Manufacturers has the money to clean it up every day if necessary, but why should money have to be spent continuously on something like that?

Sooner or later the party or parties responsible for this dumping will be caught, and then, according to Steve Banko, they will have to pay dearly. The Ordinance Officer says that he will prosecute as far as the law will allow and, needless to say, Manufacturers will do the same.

If you see someone dumping in that area (or any other area, for that matter), get the license plate number of the vehicle and call the Ordinance Department immediately. We have a City Dump for Romulus residents, and there is absolutely no excuse for this type of ignorant and destructive dumping to be done in our city.

This, regretfully, is not the only area where dumping occurs; it is all over the City, and this just happens to be one of the more prominent places.

Do not attempt to stop anyone from dumping illegally. Simply take the number from the license plate and call the Ordinance Department or Police Department. You most certainly will be helping your city, your neighbors, and yourself. □



Manufacturers Bank says it will prosecute.



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Senate Passes Beeper Ban

"By passing legislation restricting the presence of pocket pagers in schools, my colleagues and I have taken steps to return the classroom to its first purpose — educating our young people," said State Senator William Faust (D-Westland). The Senator pointed out that frequently a pocket pager carried by a student is used for drug dealing rather than for any legitimate purpose.

Under this legislation school boards have the authority to ban pocket pagers or electronic communication devices. Penalties for violating the ban will be set by the school board. The law does, however, make exceptions for health or other unusual reasons approved by the board.

"I understand that in certain health situations a pocket pager or some kind of electronic device may be necessary," Senator Faust said, "but we will have zero tolerance for students who use them for illegal purposes." The bill passed by a 36-0 vote. □

Romulus Community Schools

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

Regular Meeting, April 25, 1988

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, April 25, 1988, was called to order by President Patterson at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed Member Wilkerson (excused) absent. Administrator Bedell was absent. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Patterson.

Approval of Agenda:

Dr. LeCesne recommended that Item J. "Executive Session - Negotiations" be eliminated from this evening's Agenda.

4/88/14 Moved by Berlinn supported by Kesner the Board of Education approve the Agenda as amended by Dr. LeCesne. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

4/88/15 Moved by Berlinn supported by King the Board approve the Minutes of March 21 and March 28, 1988 as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

Dick Kruse, Band Director, reported on State Festival for the Band to be held at Romulus High School, Saturday, May 7, 1988. He also reported on recent success of Band Program at competitions.

Mrs. Tomchick commented about Algebra Course offering at high school and junior high school.

Report of the Superintendent:

Place Millage on June Ballot

4/88/16 Moved by Bales supported by Langley the Board of Education adopt the official resolution presented and procedures to place two (2) millage issues on the ballot for the Annual Election scheduled for June 13, 1988. Ayes: 5. Nays: 1 (Kesner). Motion carried.

Personnel Actions

Dr. LeCesne recommended the following Personnel Actions for Board approval:

A. Leave of Absence: Gail Perkins, Teacher - Hayti, Child Care Leave, Eff. 1988-89 School Year. **B. Leave of Absence - Extension:** Judith Ladd, Teacher - Sr. High, Travel Leave, Eff. 1988-89 School Year.

4/88/17 Moved by Berlinn supported by Langley the Board approve the Personnel Actions as recommended by Dr. LeCesne. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

4/88/18 Moved by Berlinn supported by King the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Administrator Carr. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Quarterly Finance Report

There was no action taken on the item at this meeting.

President Patterson excused at 7:53 P.M. Secretary Bales conducted balance of meeting.

N.J.R.O.T.C. Field Trip

4/88/19 Moved by Langley supported by Kesner the Board authorize N.J.R.O.T.C. Cadets for an orientation visit to the Naval Base Charleston, S.C., on May 2 through May 5, 1988. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Textbook Adoption - High School Health and Language

4/88/20 Moved by Berlinn supported by King the Board approve the adoption of textbooks for Health, Spanish and French curriculum for the Romulus Senior High School, said textbooks to be purchased from 1.5 mill and to reimburse 1.5 Mill Fund should General Fund monies become available. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Policy/Program Committee - Future Plans

Sandra Langley, Chairperson of the Policy Committee, made a brief report to Board Members.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

The following Items of Interest were discussed with Board Members: 1) Annual Government Day; 2) North Central Accreditation Letter; 3) Finance Minutes; and 4) Teen Health Center Minutes.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member King: Asked about bill in State Legislature about banning beepers and/or pagers in high school. She also commented on cleanup of Merriman playground by Cub Scouts.

4/88/19 Moved by Langley supported by Berlinn the Board notify elected officials of their support of the bill in the State Legislature banning beepers/pagers from schools. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1 (Kesner). Motion carried.

4/88/20 Moved by King supported by Kesner the Board send a letter of appreciation to the Cub Scouts for their cleanup of the Merriman School playground. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

4/88/21 Moved by Berlinn supported by King the Board cancel the Special Meeting scheduled for April 26, 1988. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Member Bales: Reported on Laurie Berlinn's participation in AAU Basketball Championship.

Adjournment:

4/88/22 Moved by Kesner supported by Berlinn the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
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Romulus Community Schools

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

Regular Meeting, May 9, 1988

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, May 9, 1988, was called to order by President Patterson at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Patterson.

Approval of Agenda:

Dr. Bedell recommended that the following addition to the Agenda: Under Report of the Superintendent add Item D. 1. "High School Parking Lot". Also, Item I. "Executive Session (Negotiations)" should be deleted.

5/88/1 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Kesner the Board approve the Agenda as amended by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

5/88/2 Moved by Bales supported by Berlinn the Board approve the Minutes of March 29, April 11, and the Minutes of April 25, 1988, as amended to reflect that Dr. Bedell was absent from that meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

Commander Marvin from the High School reported on field trip to Charleston by our N.J.R.O.T.C. Unit. He also brought to the attention of Board Members the Symposium on Asia-Pacific Political Realities on May 18 in Detroit.

John Percy from the Arts Council presented drawings to be displayed for four months at the Board Office (selected from drawings submitted by high school students).

Personnel Actions

Dr. LeCesne recommended the following Personnel Actions for Board approval:

A. Leave of Absence: Cynthia Kogowski, Teacher - Beacon, Child Care Leave, 9/1/88 - 1/27/89; and Greg Warner, Prog. Ass't. - Beacon, Educational Leave, 1988-89 School Year. **B. Retirement:** Beverly Kellogg, Teacher - Sr. High, Eff. 6/17/88.

5/88/3 Moved by Berlinn supported by Langley the Board approve the Personnel Actions as recommended by Dr. LeCesne. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

5/88/4 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Berlinn the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Administrator Carr. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Positive Peer Intervention Presentation

Mike Zayre and Maxine Reed from the high school staff, along with students, made a report on the success of this program.

Summer Tax Levy

5/88/5 Moved by Bales supported by Wilkerson the Romulus Community School District will levy Summer, 1988 Millage of 24.60 mills and adopt the resolution presented as follows: **RESOLVED**, By the Board of Education of **R096 ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (82-130)**, That there be levied on the taxable property of said district for the Summer 1988, for all purposes, a tax of **24.60** mills on the State Equalized Value thereof, said value being **\$365,951,420**, and the tax amount to **\$9,022,405**. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

High School Parking Lot

5/88/6 Moved by Bales supported by King the Board of Education contract with Soils & Materials Engineering (SME) as engineers for the high school paving project, not to exceed \$6200.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Halecreek Field Trip - Washington D.C.

5/88/7 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Berlinn the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Halecreek sixth graders trip to Washington, D.C. on June 7 - June 10, 1988, as described in the memo dated 4/26/88 from Art McPharlin, Principal. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Annual Government Day

Dr. Bedell discussed Annual Government Day with Board Members.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell discussed the following Items of Interest with Board Members: 1) Teen Health Center Minutes; 2) Election Letter of "Thanks" - Beauchamp; 3) Junior High Honors Night; and 4) MAISL Meeting Schedule.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member Langley: Asked about agenda for school events for balance of school year.

Member Patterson: Asked if district is selling computers. (For the record, no computers are being sold.) Also requested that "Millage" be an item at the next meeting.

Member Berlinn: Made a comment about the Millage Election - confusion on the ballot language.

Member Bales: Asked Administration to prepare list of possible cuts for 1988-89 school year in the event of millage defeat.

Adjournment:

5/88/8 Moved by Berlinn supported by Wilkerson the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel R. Bales, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

LETTER

sight, you might be creating more street people.

There is alot of vacant land in Romulus. If business is moving in, why not to this vacant land instead of displacing people? Isn't there some point in a community where the balance of business versus residential area must be maintained? In looking at the Romulus map it appears that about two thirds of Romulus is either occupied by the Airport or zoned for business.

While you are up there pondering rezoning revisions, please remember that people are being displaced that are supposed to be the backbone of this city. Put yourself in their places.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Anita Petrone □

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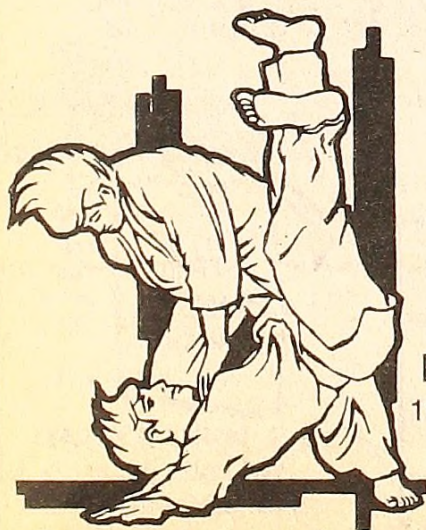
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Every weekday, a delicious hot meal is served here at the Center for anyone over 60 years old. All we ask is that you call 942-6852 by 1 p.m. the day before you come, or sign in while you are at the Center anytime up to a week before.

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- Monday: kielbasa, sauerkraut, German potato salad, apple crisp, rye roll, and milk.
- Tuesday: chicken chop suey, steamed rice, green beans, pineapple juice, mandarin oranges, wheat bread, and milk.
- Wednesday: enchilada with salsa, Spanish rice, zucchini-corn-pimento, orange juice blend, and milk.
- Thursday: corned beef with mustard sauce, parsleyed potato, steamed cabbage, fresh fruit, wheat bread, and milk.

- Friday: veal cacciatore, parsleyed cauliflower, pasta salad, grape juice, chocolate chip cookie, and milk.

Menu for the Week of June 13:

- Monday: stuffed peppers with tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, brussels sprouts, dark sweet cherries, and pumpernickel bread.
- Tuesday: veal bird in gravy, lima beans, pickled-beet salad, Vienna bread, pineapple chunks, and milk.
- Wednesday: tuna-noodle casserole, Scandinavian vegetables, apricot nectar, fresh orange, and milk.
- Thursday: Swiss steak with Creole sauce, mashed potatoes, spinach, blueberries, wheat bread, and milk.
- Friday: roast beef with mushroom gravy, Parisian potatoes, California-blend veggies, fruit pie, wheat roll, and milk.

A new list of day trips in the Senior Van will be out on the table on Wednesday, June 1. Come in as soon as possible to sign up for these 'fun trips.'

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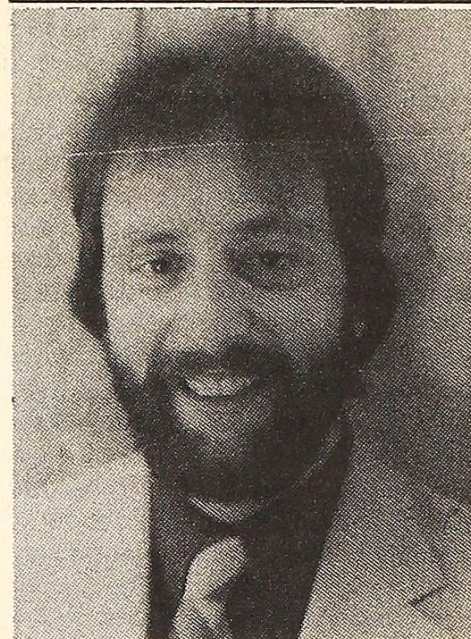
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If you have a legal question that you would like answered, you may send your question to my office and I will attempt to answer your question in this paper's next issue. Questions should be mailed to: Murray A. Duncan, Jr., 10000 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. □

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Truck Safety Bills Pass State Senate

State Senator William Faust (D-Westland) said the results of the special truck inspection program that took place in Michigan and several other states recently substantiate the need for the three strict truck safety bills passed May 19 by the State Senate. Faust and Senator Richard Fessler (D-West Bloomfield) are the sponsors of the truck safety package.

"Based on what the Michigan State Police have reported, it's even more obvious that we need to strengthen our State laws that regulate truck safety," Faust said. According to State Police officials, 44% of the trucks inspected in Michigan during the first day of a three-day international truck safety inspection program were ordered off the road for serious safety violations. The program, which began May 17, took place in 19 states and two Canadian provinces.

"I and Senator Fessler were well aware of the need to improve truck safety on our highways when we introduced this legislation a few months ago," Faust said. "The fact that truck accidents increased 65% in Michigan between 1982-85 while, during this same period, truck travel increased by only 15% told us that something had to be done. The findings of this current inspection program dramatically indicate that the situation is not getting better and tougher laws are definitely

needed," Faust added.

Echoing that belief is AAA Michigan. Earlier this week, AAA Michigan President Jack Avignone delivered to Senators Faust and Fessler more than 75,000 postcards from the auto club's members demanding tougher truck safety laws.

The three bills passed by the Senate and sent to the House would improve truck safety by:

- Establishing a truck safety program.
- Creating a Michigan Truck Safety Commission.
- Requiring single licensing of truck drivers.
- Requiring 22-inch bumpers on all trailers.
- Restricting trucks to the right lane on a two-lane divided highway and to the right two lanes on highways of three or more lanes except for passing, making left turns, and emergencies.
- Requiring covers to reduce spillage.
- Instituting a \$10 registration fee to fund enforcement and truck driver safety programs.
- Increasing civil fines and overweight fines.

Among the amendments added to the bills was one increasing the amount allocated for a truck driver training program from \$500,000 to \$1 million, and another providing that all fine money will continue to go to libraries. □

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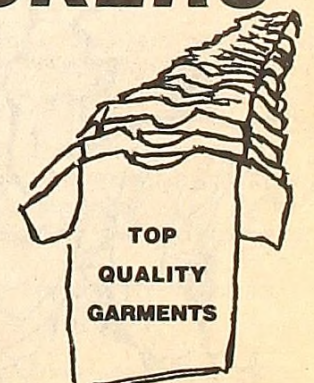
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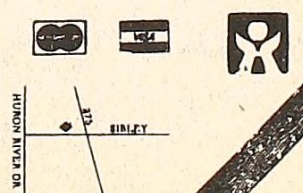
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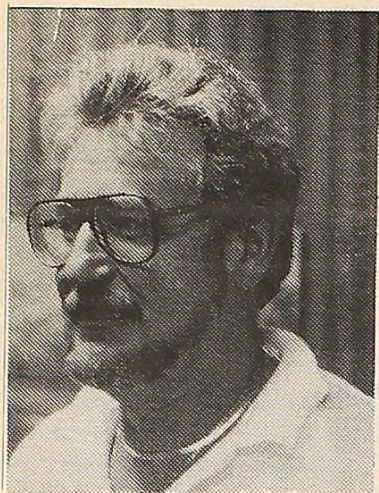
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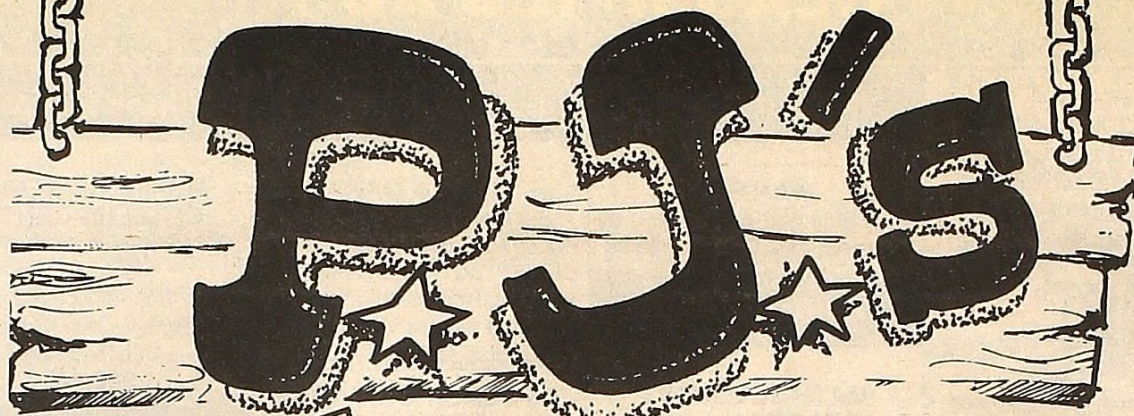


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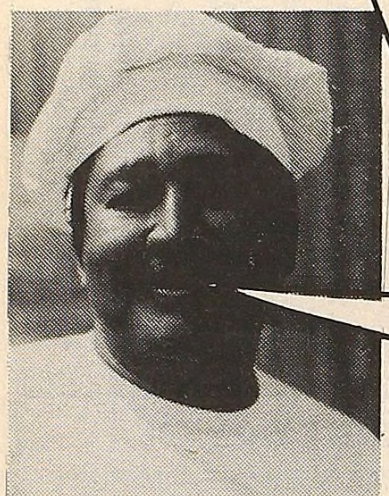


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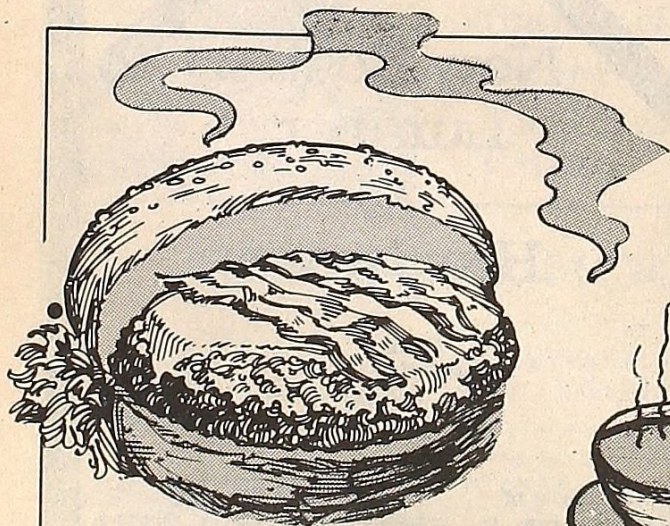
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